

To-day's Advertisements.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE Ven. Archdeacon WOLFE will give an Address on MISSION WORK IN FOOCHEW in St. Stephen's Church, TOMORROW (SUNDAY), the 23rd instant, at 11 A.M.
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897. [847]

ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 52, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY, the 24th June, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897. [849]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship
"HECTOR,"
Captain Barr, will be despatched as above TOMORROW, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897. [846]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU,"

Captain Inner, will be despatched TOMORROW, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engine. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A daily qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

Return Tickets issued by this Company in and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by Steamers of the EASTERN and AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897. [776]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON,

VIA STRAITS AND USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"KINTUCK,"

C. de La Perrelle, Commander, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.

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HOLLAND, WISE & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897. [741]

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"RICKMERS,"

Captain Muller, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 26th June.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1897. [848]

NOW READY!

COMMERCIAL AND STATISTICAL PAPER.

No. 1—APRIL, 1897.

Being reports of meetings of Companies and Corporations for periods ending 31st December, 1896.

This pamphlet is published for the convenience of the Commercial Community and is for sale, PRICE 1s PER COPY,

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"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH,"
No. 6 Piddar's Hill.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1897. [761]

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DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRY VADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, RESTAURANTS and other Large Consumers.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [379]

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

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AERATED WATERS.

OUR AERATED WATER FACTORY is fitted with the best English Machinery, embodying the latest improvements in the trade.

The Purest Ingredients only are used, and the utmost Care and Cleanliness exercised in the Manufacture throughout.

The Water used is proved by repeated Analyses to be Absolutely Pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good order.

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Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."

And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER.

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GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1897.

BIRTHS.

On 20th April, at Charlach, Rectory-place, Woolwich, wife of CHARLES T. W. HIRSH, M.R.C.S. (Eng.) District Medical Officer, Colonial Medical Service, F.R.C.S., of a daughter.

April 19th, at St. George's place, S.W., wife of FREDERICK DAVID SASSOON, of a daughter.

On the 12th instant, at "Bon Accord," Penang, the wife of REGINALD A. LAW, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

April 20th, at St. Gile's Cathedral, Edinburgh, WILLIAM KIRK DICKSON, Advocate, Edinburgh, elder son of the late William Dickson, of Marwick, Midlothian, to KATHLEEN, eldest daughter of Major-General Sir Robert Murdoch Smith, K.C.M.G., late Royal Engineer.

April 20th, at St. Luke's Kensington, JOHN LEIGH SMITH, M.A., eldest son of the late Rev. John Smith, of Walsby, Lincolnshire, to PAULINE CARLYLE, only daughter of R. L. Henderson, of Ceylon.

DEATH.

On Easter Sunday, at Sydney, N.S.W., after a long and painful illness, MARIE, youngest sister of J. S. Northcote, Hongkong; aged 24 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1897.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The following cutting, taken from the London & China Express of the 23rd ult., will doubtless come as a surprise to our readers, as it did to us:—

The Manufacturer (Philadelphia) states that attention has been called to the great success attending the Technical Museum in Hongkong, which, about a year ago, was established by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

In a small way it has been gradually extended and has become very popular with the Chinese, 82,000 of whom visited it during the last year. The Chinese cannot be convinced or enlightened by circulars or pictures, and hold fast to the belief that the Celestials are vastly superior to the Western barbarians. But when they see, as in this Hongkong Museum, the wonderful achievements of electrical machines, little models of railroads in full operation, and other technical appliances, they become interested, susceptible to conviction, and willing to have the things introduced in their country or their houses.

We should much like to know who the "Technical Museum" is, and where their "Technical Museum" is situated. There is no mention of such an institution in any of the Directories and it seems strange that no one should be able to answer our enquiries as to the locality of this exhibition, although, as stated above, no less than 82,000 Chinese visited it last year! We fear that the informant of the Manufacturer must be some clairvoyant of exceptional power, who, on reading a comparatively recent issue of this journal in which such a museum was suggested, immediately saw the whole scheme carried out and completed even to the counting of the number of visitors.

Had the Manufacturer called attention to the manner in which Hongkong is exhibiting to the Chinese the utility and usefulness of Western methods by the gross ignorance, incapability and wastefulness displayed by the Sanitary Authorities and by the Engineer in charge of the Praya Reclamation works we should not have been surprised in the least, and it really appears as though some cynical wag had contributed the paragraph in question to our American contemporary in order to have a 'dig' at the Colony. At all events we can offer no better explanation of the "startler" than this.

Of the utility of a Technical Museum in Hongkong there can be no doubt, and were such an institution established we believe that good might result therefrom were the better class of Chinese induced to take an interest in the models and other objects exhibited. Such a museum, however, would, we fear, be too much to hope for in the present state of public opinion in the Colony as exhibited by the utter lack of interest shown in the Museum in the City Hall. When the public will allow a collection to remain badly labeled, badly displayed and badly cared for there can be little hope of their troubling themselves about the formation of a far superior and more useful institution. "You must walk before you run," says the old proverb, and so far, the interest in things scientific in Hongkong, except where they lend themselves to some popular amusement, may be said to have barely reached even the crawling stage.

In all pertaining to sport and amusement Hongkong can hold her own with other British possessions, but in the matter of literary and scientific societies and means of self improvement generally she is far behind the times. In all the Australian Colonies not only are useful and well managed museums to be found but debating, literary and scientific societies exist, and those who wish for some further insight into scientific and philosophical subjects have the opportunity of attending lectures delivered by first-class scholars. Nothing of the kind exists in Hongkong. True, the Odd Volumes Society is supposed to be a semi-scientific institution, but it drags along slowly and the lectures given under its auspices seldom draw an attendance of over fifty. Money and sport appear to be the sole aim of the great majority of Hongkongites, and while such is the case we can never hope for museums or flourishing training institutions, either technical or otherwise.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE EASTERN CRISIS.

TURKEY AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, May 20th.

The Porte is willing to negotiate regarding its demands for the cessation of the Turkish and the war indemnity, but insists absolutely on the abolition of all terms of capitulations from the negotiations.

THE FIGHTING AT DOMOKOS.

The Greeks defended Domokos with splendid valor and the Turkish front attack was repulsed with great slaughter. After many hours' fighting, the Greeks, upon being outflanked, retreated at night.

PEACE PROSPECTS.

It is believed in Constantinople that a definitive treaty will be made, and that the peace submitted for a conference will be Paris.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"MONDAY, the 24th May, being a public holiday, all the Banks, Insurance and Government Offices will be closed and there will be no regular issue of the Hongkong Telegraph, but an "Extra" will be published on Monday morning containing the latest telegraphic intelligence and shipping returns.

THE \$ is down to 12 1/2d.

THE buying rate for sovereigns is 99 1/2d per £.

THERE is quite a "boom" in Ollivers mine shares.

GREEN Islands have been done at 4 1/2d for 31st July.

EUROPE'S Easter Egg was a declaration of war by Turkey.

THE Portuguese gunboat Bengo arrived this morning from Macao.

RAJAH Brooke arrived at Singapore on the 15th instant in the yacht Zikora.

EDINBURGH is to be provided with new military headquarters offices at a cost of £15,000.

MAJOR-GENERAL F. T. HOBSON succeeds Major-General Justice in command of the troops in Ceylon.

THE annual general meeting of the V.R.C. will be held in the Club's gymnasium at 5.15 p.m. on the 28th instant.

ARCHDEACON WOLFE will deliver an address on "Mission work in Foochow" at St. Stephen's Church to-morrow at 11 a.m.

HUDSON'S SURPRISE Party left yesterday by the Omi Maru for Australia, after doing record business in Hongkong and Shanghai.

DR. YERKIN, writing from Bombay on 4th April, reports 70 per cent. of cases with his serum and says he will probably return to China at an early date.

MR. ERICH GEORGE reports that "It is generally understood that it will not be necessary to reconstruct the Praxiom Company, as to call for fresh capital."

COLONEL C. M. STOCKLEY, C.B., is command of a Regimental District, and formerly of the Bengal Infantry, has permission to retire on an Indian Pension.

THE "roller-ship" Ernest Basin went down to Havre on the 11th inst., and entered the Euro basin. Everything (says Fairplay) is said to have worked satisfactorily.

COLONEL A. CHAPLIN, Madras General List of Infantry, Deputy Judge Advocate General, Madras, received permission to retire from the Service on the 20th May.

MR. BRUB, in his latest Rand mining report, says that the yield per ton from the last crushing must not be considered exceptional. A great quantity of ore that he has in reserve is of a similar quality.

THE Hongkong Volunteer Corps give a concert at their headquarters on the 5th prox. The abutting prizes will be presented at the same time and the West Yorks-band will play "The British Army Quadrille."

Fairplay hears that the Austrian-Lloyd Co. will only pay a dividend of 10 florins for the past working year, against 21 florins for 1895. The falling off is attributed to the plague in India and events in Eastern Europe.

An elderly Chinaman was to-day fined \$5 for having in his possession a murderous looking sword bayonet. The weapon was found in his back in a common lodging house on Praya West. The man pleaded ignorance, saying that he was a stranger here.

THE Fairfield Shipbuilding Company launched on 18th April the torpedo-boat destroyer Orphey, which they have built for the British Government. The Orphey is the second of three similar vessels building at Fairfield. They are expected to attain a speed of 30 knots per hour.

"MADAME SANS-GENE" Mr. Comyns Carr's adaptation of Sardou and Moreau's celebrated play, was produced at the Lyceum Theatre on 18th April and received with enthusiasm by a large and distinguished audience. Miss Terry in the title-role and Sir Henry Irving as Napoleon I were very successful.

THE Band of the West York Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, to-morrow, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

Grand March "Don Carlos" Verdi.

Song "The Maid of the Mountains" Gounod.

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* To avoid disappointment and to insure early publication, we beg to remind our friends that all matter intended for immediate insertion in the Telegraph should reach this office before 3 p.m. Late matter will be held over a good deal of matter that would have been published promptly had it been received before the whole of our news space was filled.

THE French flagship Bayard presented quite a picturesque appearance this morning, her big topsails and topgallants hanging loose in the benlines to dry. She also had her two spunkers and jib set, and were it not for her ram bow, one could have imagined her to be a ship of the period when oak and hemp had not been displaced by the iron and steam of the modern warship.

THE Hon. John Hay, the new United States Ambassador to Great Britain, reached England on 21st April. On arrival at Southampton his Excellency was welcomed by the Mayor, and presented with a photograph of the picture of the departure of the Mayflower for America nearly 300 years ago. In a brief reply, the Ambassador said he had come to work for the welfare of his country,

There has lately been unearthed from one of the lumber-rooms of Windsor Castle a beautiful specimen of a sedan chair of Queen Henrietta Maria, which, it is thought, might fitly serve for the use of the Queen on the historic occasion of the ceremony at St. Paul's. A suggestion is being made, by the way, that a sedan chair would be a suitable present for the Pope to make to the Queen in connection with Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

On inquiry at the Admiralty regarding the reasons for the presence of a British Squadron of eight warships in Delagoa Bay, Reuters representative was informed that Rear-Admiral Rawson's ships were "merely carrying out the ordinary duties of the station." With respect to the future movements of the squadron, it was declared that, so far as they were left to the discretion of the Admiralty, it was impossible to say what the next destination of the war vessels might be.

The Chinese Minister in Berlin on the 22nd April telegraphed instructions for the removal, at the expense of his Government, of the remains of the Tatar General Theodor Schell from Weichang, where he died in January, to Tientsin, to be buried there beside his first wife, as he had expressed a wish to that effect. Theodore Schell was an ex-German officer, who served China well during twenty-eight years, and particularly distinguished himself in the defence of Wei-hai-Wei. An eminent English naval authority said that if Schell's advice had been taken by the Chinese, the Japanese would not have captured that place.

A KRUOKER SKENADE.
[The High Court at Pretoria has found that the suppression of the Johannesburg Star was illegal. The paper is now reappearing.]

Twinkle, twinkle, little Star,
Though "suppressed," still here you are,
Licensed by the Court so High
Gagging orders to defy.

Now my power to squelch is gone,
Now I'm fairly set upon;
You, alas! can still throw light
On the wrongs I don't set right.

Then if Britons in the dark
Watch your inconvenient spark,
You may help to help to me—
So confound you, little Star!

—The World.

H.M.S. *Torch*, the latest addition to the Australian squadron, arrived at Sydney on the 24th ult. On the 25th night preceding Good Friday, whilst the ship was in the vicinity of the Barrier Reef, it began to blow a stiff gale, and at 2.30 a.m. on Good Friday all hands were called on deck, as the vessel was drifting close to the reef. Fortunately, however, the danger was avoided. On the 28th ult. the *Torch* was signalled by a ship in light trim, which asked for medical assistance, off Palm Island, and Surgeon Upham was dispatched to render aid. On the following day a shipwreck, Robert Thompson, was washed overboard by a heavy sea, and though the lifeboat was lowered and every endeavour made to save him it was without avail, as he was not afterwards seen. The following are the officers on H.M.S. *Torch*:—Commander, Henry Percy; first lieutenant, J. R. Le Hunt; second lieutenant, Williams; navigating lieutenant, Henry E. Heathcote; gunner, Johnson; surgeon, Charles Upham; staff paymaster, H. Dymott; engineer, Alfred E. Shaw; assistant paymaster, A. Meaton.

The fourth annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Bank of India Ltd. was held at Winchester House, E.C., on the 21st April, Sir Alexander Wilson presiding. The general balance sheet and statement of Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December, 1896, showed net profits for that period, after providing for bad and doubtful debts and including £8,047,311, brought forward from last account, amount to £1,188,611, 10d. Out of this sum there has already been paid £1,687,105, 0d., being an interim dividend of 10 per cent. per annum on the "A" shares of the Bank. The Directors recommended a dividend on the "A" shares at the same rate for the second half of the year and on the "B" shares of 1 per cent. for the year. This will amount to a further sum of £1,693,705, 0d., and will leave a balance of £1,053,611, 10d. to be carried forward. The Directors further stated that the liquidation of the accounts of the Bank, which appeared in former statements has progressed so satisfactorily that they have closed it, and placed the surplus of £1,053,611, 10d. to a Reserve Fund. At the meeting the Chairman moved, Mr. F. W. Lucas seconded, and it was unanimously carried, "That the report of the directors, with the audited statement of accounts and balance-sheet to the 31st December last, presented to this meeting, be and the same are hereby received, approved, and adopted, and that a dividend on the 'A' shares of the bank at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum for the six months ending 31st December, 1896, and on the 'B' shares at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum for the year ending December 31st, 1896, as recommended in the report, be and the same is hereby declared." A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, directors, officials, and staff was proposed by Dr. Blissett, seconded by Mr. Cogar, and unanimously accorded, and the proceedings then closed.

A. S. WATSON AND CO., LTD.

The 12th annual ordinary general meeting of the above company was held at the Board room of the Dispensary, Queen's Road Central, at noon to-day. Mr. Hart Burt presided and there were also present Messrs. E. W. Terrey, J. S. Hagen, R. Mitchell, E. K. Chandler, and A. H. Macdonald (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, With your permission I will follow the usual custom and consider the report and statement of accounts as read. The general manager is at present in London but he has been notified of the proposed distribution of profits and has expressed his approval of the same and satisfaction with the balance sheet generally. As mentioned in the report, we have experienced a reduction of our profits in the Philippine Islands for the year under review. This, however, is not likely to recur in 1897 as our manager at Manila advises us that since February last the business in his charge has materially improved and the returns in some important departments are larger than he has been able to previously record. There is little further for me to add, but I think, gentlemen, that the continued payment of ten per cent. dividend and the carrying forward to 1897 account of an amount of \$4,000 in excess of the amount carried forward to 1896 account, certainly proves your Company to be in a sound condition; and I am pleased to say its present position and prospects are most satisfactory. (Applause.) I shall be glad to answer any questions in reference to the report and statement of accounts now before you.

There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Terrey, Mr. F. Mitchell was re-elected auditor.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready on Tuesday inst.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

LONDON, April 23rd.

The new Chinese Minister, Sir Lo Fei Lub, paid his first ministerial visit to the Foreign Office to-day.

Baron von Gutschmid, the German Minister in Japan, has reached England on his way home on leave.

The Manchester Corporation have set apart £10,000 for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee.

The Ayr Kathia Siam Gold Concessions (Limited) has registered with a capital of £10,000 in 10 shares.

Yesterday the German Emperor attended the review of the Vienna garrison in company with the Emperor Francis Joseph.

Correspondent telegraphs that it is stated in well-informed circles there that the object of the Kaiser's visit is to effect a union between Austria and Russia, and thus to restore the alliance of the Three Emperors.

Her Majesty will hold a great reception of the nature of a Court on June 23rd at Buckingham Palace, at which the Royal and Princes guests will be received, as well as the Colonial statesmen.

His Excellency Kang Tai-jen, the retiring Chinese Minister, intends leaving London on 26th inst., and will embark at Southampton on the North German Lloyd steamer *Prinzess Luise*.

The marriage of Commander Wells, R.N., the chief officer of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, to Miss Lark, of Mortgate-square, was celebrated on 20th inst. at the Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston-street.

The Imperial German Minister, resident at Siam, Herr Kempermann, has arrived in Berlin on 20th inst., but will return to Bangkok in the middle of June. He will return to the Far East, it is hoped, fully recovered from the bad effect of the tropical climate in Siam.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint William John Archer, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Consular District of Bangkok, and Walter Ralph Darke Beckett, Esq., to be Her Majesty's Consul for the Consular District of Chongking.

An engagement has been reported from Berlin of Prince Ernest Guenther of Schleswig-Holstein, a near relative of the German Emperor, with Princess Dorothea of Coburg, daughter of Prince Philip of Coburg and Princess Louise of Belgium.

The steamer *Charbon*, chartered by the French Minister of the Colonies, has arrived at Toulon, where she is embarking 2,000 tons of artillery and other stores destined for Cape St. James, which commands the entrance to the Saigon river.

According to estimates the Japanese balances at the Bank are probably still over rather than under £5,000,000, to which newly £1,000,000 falls to be added on 8th prox., and further shipments of the yellow metal to Japan are expected. The *Formosa* last week took £445,200 in bar gold for Kobe.

Japan bought all the bar gold that came by the last South African boat. The price of bars is now 77½ to 78½ per oz.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Tobacco Company of British North Borneo (Limited) was held on 21st inst., presided over by Mr. Drought, at which the resolutions passed at the extraordinary meeting held on 30th ult. extending the continuance of Mr. Rowland's duties as manager for a further period of twelve months were confirmed.

Among the passengers brought by the *Dunagay Castle*, which arrived at Plymouth from Capetown on 16th inst., was Dr. Leyds, Secretary of State for the South African Republic, who is on his way to the Hague as representative of the Transvaal. Mr. Hays Hammond, of the Reform Committee, who also arrived by the *Dunagay Castle*, stated that affairs in Johannesburg were very unsettled.

A striking instance of the steadiness of the British investor to-day is afforded by the course of prices on the Stock Exchange since the declaration of war. Such an event a few years since—even allowing for the extent to which the present war was anticipated—would have been followed by wholesale selling of securities by investors; and in anticipation of some such movement speculators on right and left, solid and speculative, put down prices. Investors did not, however, take advantage of these kindly arrangements for their benefit, and with war raging in the East and possible European complications still threatening, Consols are quoted at nearly 112 per cent. and other first-class securities are equally well supported. The very great difficulty which has during the last few years been experienced in obtaining sound investments has no doubt helped in a marked degree to strengthen holders' resolve not to part lightly with stocks which have been so recent, but whatever the special reasons which have held back investors from selling during the past few days, it is satisfactory to see that they do not, as in times passed, rush in to sell on the first alarming news.

NAVAL AND MILITARY.
The *Edgar*, cruiser, Captain A. C. Clarke, has left Port Said, en route to China.

Chaplain and Naval Instructor Rev. C. H. Sullivan, M.A., has been appointed to the *Undaunted*, to date April 21st.

The retirement of Sir Redvers Buller from his extended period of service as Adjutant-General, he will be succeeded by Lieut.-General Sir Evelyn Wood.

The *Canopus* class is to be provided with two masts, each fitted with a fighting top. They are also to carry a masted amphipod, which it is to be presumed, will be fitted on the *Malta* system, so as to give that method a trial.

The *Spartan*, cruiser, Captain A. L. Winslow, arrived at Plymouth early on 20th inst. from the China Station, and during the forenoon carried out a satisfactory paying-off trial of her machinery.

Later in the day she was moved into harbour at Devonport, where she was inspected. It is now arranged the *Pemphredon* and *Terrific* will take part in the usual naval manoeuvres.

There now seems to be more doubt whether one or the other of these fine cruisers is to be sent to the China station. The *Patrol* of these great vessels being solely the patrolling of our trade routes and protection of our sea-borne commerce in war-time, it is now argued that this purpose will be best served by keeping them always ready coaled and fit for service at Devonport, whence they could be despatched on their mission without delay if circumstances should require it.

The rumour that Lord Wolsey would retire from the Commandership-in-Chief, on account of ill-health, receives no countenance whatever at the War Office. "We haven't heard a word on the subject," the officials say in effect, "and if there had been anything in it we must have done so." It is added that Lord Wolsey's visit to Gibraltar simply means that he is to inspect the garrison there, as the Duke of Cambridge was in the habit of doing.

The effective strength of the Royal Navy will shortly receive a considerable augmentation of strength by the passing into the A Division of the Midway Fleet Reserve as ready for commission of Her Majesty's cruisers *Venus*, *Dido*, *Jit*, and *Diana*, which have been built and equipped at an aggregate cost of just over a million pounds. The cruisers are sister ships, designed by Sir W. H. White, K.C.B., Director of Naval Construction, and have all been built by Swire's—*Venus* and *Diana* by the Fair

field Shipbuilding Company, of Glasgow, and the *Dido* and *Jit* by the London and Glasgow Engineering and Shipbuilding Company. They have each a displacement of 5,500 tons, and although ranking as second-class cruisers, their displacement is exactly the same as that of the first-class cruisers of the *Galathea* type.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

The forty-third ordinary general meeting of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, London, on 21st April. Mr. John Howard Gwyther presiding. In moving the adoption of the report the Chairman said:—

Many of his friends had charged him with undue pessimism in the remarks which he had made at the half-yearly meeting in October last, and he was afraid that they would be inclined to repeat that assertion, because he could not express optimistic views when a war was raging in the Levant, a famine and pestilence in Asia, and hostile tariffs in America. The Japanese had recently declared for a gold standard, and that action would certainly not tend to enhance the value of silver. The probability of a falling exchange in China would render it very difficult for Lancashire to export directly and probably to that country. Furthermore, the Chinese Government, which had now a considerable gold stock, would find the burden thereof more onerous, and the margin of unappropriated Custom revenue narrower and narrower. The shareholders had doubtless followed with painful interest the weekly reports of the famine and plague in India, and it must be borne in mind that the same causes which hindered a sufficient harvest of cereals had also a prejudicial effect upon the yield of other crops which were exported to foreign countries, so that the cut-throat had to face a two-fold evil—no local food, and no money to purchase it elsewhere. The result in former days, before the period of British rule, would have meant the death of millions, and he considered that they might fairly point with national pride to the wise and unflinching labours of the Indian authorities in their successful efforts to feed the starving multitudes. Anticipating the cordial approval of the shareholders they had subscribed £500 towards the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of the sufferers. (Heard, hear.) Business at Bombay had been weighed at a standstill owing to the plague, and further shipments were due to the European staff of the bank at that port for the plucky manner in which they had stuck to their posts despite their harrowing surroundings. In Calcutta they had had to face a most stringent money market. He was glad to be able to report, however, that the customers of the bank had found them liberal lenders in the difficult times they had had to pass through. Competition had been increasingly severe, and trade had shrunk, but largely owing to immunities from bad debts, the Bank were able to recommend the usual dividend, and further, in addition to the reserve fund. The customers of the bank were contented and loyal, but the Board fully recognized that they must keep a vigilant watch over the connections of the undertaking, and lessen their profits rather than allow their business to pass into the hands of their newest competitors, some of whom, mainly established for financial purposes, had entered upon commercial fields, as their expectations otherwise had proved illusory.

The retiring directors, Sir Henry Stewart Cunningham and Sir James Lyle Mackay, were re-elected, and Mr. Maurice Girdlestone and Mr. Magnus Mowat appointed auditors.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Directors and the staff both at home and abroad brought the meeting to a close.

BISLEY AND THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The Council of the National Rifle Association have drawn up a list of the principal Competitions which will be subject to medals, open to competitors from India and the Colonies at the Bisley Meeting, 1897, which will commence July 13th and terminate July 24th. The Council are anxious to extend a hearty welcome to all representative of Her Majesty's Imperial and Colonial Forces who may be in England on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

The following are the chief individual Competitions, the distances at which they are fired, and the aggregate value of the prize:

Name of Comp.	Distance (Yds.)	Aggregate Value
Walgrave's	800 & 900	£40
Imperial	100, 200, 300, 400 & 500	£50
Albert	800, 900, & 1,000	£25 & Cup
Bass	900 & 1,000	£50
Secretary of State		
of War	800 & 900	£50
Duke of Cam.	900 & 1,000	£50
Crichton	900 & 1,000	£55
March Rifle	Wimbledon Cup 1,000	Cup
Prince of Wales's	Prize 1,000 & 600	£300
Lee-Metford	Wimbledon Cup 600	£25 & Cup
Queen's	Prize 200 500, 600, 800 & 900	£420 & Cup
Daily Graphic	200	£40 & Cup
Martins	Cup 200	£100
St. George's	500, 600, & 800	£200
Gravel	500	£240 & Cup
Daily Tele.		
graph	600	£100 & Cup
Alexander's	500 & 600	£100
Barlow	900	£80 & Cup

The following are of special interest to competitors from India and the Colonies and dependencies, viz:—

THE IMPERIAL PRIZE.—This Prize has hitherto been confined to the Regular Services; it is now open to the yearling to all branches of H.M. Naval and Military Services. It is a Competition for individuals, and the first prize is £100.

THE KOLAPORE CHALLENGE CUP.—This is a team match open to teams of eight, in which teams from India, the Colonies and dependencies compete against a team of Volunteers representing the Mother Country.

The Challenge Cup was given in 1871 by H. H. the Rajah of Kolapore. The distances are 200, 300, and 600 yards (aggregate). Number of shots, seven each distance. Entrance Fee, £1 per shot.

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Note.—In addition to the above there are upwards of 70 other Competitions for individuals, the greater number of which are open to all comers, besides which there are Matches for teams both of Cavalry and Infantry and of Cyclists, also Competitions for carbines and revolvers. There are also Competitions at the running deer and running man, besides which there is unlimited pool shooting at stationary targets at all distances, also at the running deer and running man, and for vermin—like *Pinet* and *Diana* by the Fair

A CHINESE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The reign of Kang-hi, the second ruler of the T'ing dynasty, is famous as the longest recorded in Chinese history, and the completion of its sixtieth anniversary in 1721 was commemorated by a national fête on the highest scale of Imperial splendour. Doubtless the details of this event are duly recorded in Chinese archives, but it was not until they were in great part repeated on another, and scarcely less august, occasion thirty-one years afterwards that the Western world caught even a glimpse of their pomp and magnificence. In 1752, Kang-hi's grandson Kien-lung, then occupying the throne, the Empress-mother completed her sixtieth year, and as it had been an ancient custom to celebrate such an anniversary with national rejoicings, it was resolved that the proceedings should be on a par with those carried out on the previous occasion. Of the actual fête there exist but the scantiest particulars, but the account of the preparations is full of curious and interesting matters.

Kien-lung was then journeying with his mother at his suburban "house of pleasure," about twelve miles from Peking, and the main feature of the occasion was to be the procession, of almost more than mortal state, in which both were to proceed from their private residence to the palace in the centre of the Tartar district of the city. The governing idea seems to have been that the Imperial gaze should encounter nothing which had ever been profaned by the eyes of the vulgar. Both palace and country-house were, of course, surrounded by their own extensive gardens, and it was determined to invest the entire route with the same characteristics. In short, the Imperial progress was to be made from end to end through a garden specially created for the purpose.

The last three months of 1751 were devoted to this work: a period none too long, but that half the nation seem to have been concerned in it. All the painters, sculptors, architects, builders, carpenters, and gardeners of Peking and the neighbouring provinces were engaged in their several departments, with the one object of "charming the eyes and ears of the most voluptuous Court in the universe."

Modern eyes are sufficiently familiar with the fantastic features of Chinese landscape gardening. Our artist friend the willow-pattern plate cannot but find typical analogies of them, and we have only to expand and adapt the idea to scenic and panoramic requirements. The system was applied to the whole line to be traversed by the procession, and the domestic and commercial frontages on the way were completely masked by "built up" scenery, much of which was made realistically "practicable." In its course appeared many solid buildings, pavilions, pavilions, colonnades, galleries, and amphitheatres, surrounded with costly trophies and banners.

The most important of these were added which and his mother would deign to feed in need of them, an enormous quantity of refreshments were provided for the entire route. But at this stage the preparations were inadvertently enlivened by a stroke of genuine Chinese humour. The native instinct for "getting round" a difficulty seems to have been unequal to the task of foreseeing the possibility of its occurrence. When the various junk, barge, and boat for the conveyance of the Emperor and his Court were nearing completion, one of the higher officials drew out the idea, "Suppose the river should freeze!" Such a thing had happened before, and the danger was due at the most rigorous season of the year. A solemn council was at once held, when the mandarin responsible for that section of the route undertook to keep the waterway open. Thousands of labourers were "put on" whose duty it was to beat the river night and day with bamboo, while an auxiliary contingent was at hand to break up any ice that might form. But the precautions were needless, for the cold set in, and the river became fast frozen. Whereupon he of the "little button" was promptly condemned to lose two years' salary, and ordered to provide at his own cost a sufficient number of sledges to take the place of the now useless river craft.

The police arrangements appear to have been well conceived and excellently carried out. Before the appointed day, the whole distance to be traversed—the average width of which was about 140 feet—was longitudinally divided by barriers into three sections, the centre for the procession, the flanks for the spectators, and the rear for the more or less in one direction only. There was not the least disorder or confusion at any time during the progress of the immense procession, which few if any Europeans were privileged to witness. No women were allowed to appear publicly, but two days were afterwards set apart to permit of their being abroad to see the incredible wonders of the way and the celestial beauty of the decorations. It was on January 6, 1752, that the Emperor and his mother made their entry into Peking by the princely path then lavishly spread. The offerings to the lady of the lots were said to be "indefensible" both in magnificence and variety; but nothing gave more satisfaction than a highly ingenious working-model of a dragon presented by the resident Europeans. With this toy the Emperor was so delighted that he established it in a permanent home in the gardens of his suburban "house of pleasure."

All the ordinances for the revels were duly promulgated in the *Peking Gazette*, and their cost is said to have exceeded "300 million roubles," a sum which certainly makes some demand on our powers of astonishment. But it included an immense outlay upon fireworks, of which there were innumerable gigantic displays; while the amount of money lavished upon banners and lanterns was simply incalculable.

On ascending the throne Kien-lung had solemnly undertaken—that, in the event of his being permitted to reign for sixty years like his grandfather, he would show his gratitude by then resigning the crown to his heir. This vow he lived to perform; for in 1795, being then in the sixtieth year of his reign, he abdicated in favour of K'ia-king. Three such remarkable "sixtieth" anniversaries—in the forms of a regnant jubilee, a birthday fête, and a formal abdication—in three successive generations of the same dynasty, are probably without a parallel in history.—*Pail Mall Gazette*.

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CALENDAR.

MAY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1895.

Barometer	29.867
Thermometer	76.2
Humidity	84
Rainfall	15.00

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.

Barometer	29.90	29.79
Thermometer	79	85
Humidity	93	85
Rainfall	0.61

TO-DAY.

Saturday, 22nd May, 1897.

Chinese—22nd of 4th moon of 23rd year of Kwong-shi.

Jewish—20th Year, 5657.

Mohammedan—21st Dulhagga, 1314.

Sun—Rises 5.48 a.m. Sets 6.19 p.m.

Moon—Last Quarter 5.48 a.m. 11.15 p.m.

High water—Morning 5.48 a.m. Afternoon 5.48 p.m.

Low water—Morning 5.48 a.m. Afternoon 5.48 p.m.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—Foreign factories at Canton pillaged.

1882—Treaty between United States and Korea signed at Chemulpo.

1892—Typhoon in Macao, causing great loss of life.

1896—A private of the Rifle Brigade developed plague.

TO-MORROW.

Sunday, 23rd May, 1897. (V after Easter Rogation.)

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ANNIVERSARIES.

1863—United States Legation at Tokio burnt.

1868—P. & O. steamer *Benares* lost on Fisherman's Group.

1896—American schooner *John Bateley* stranded near Macao.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral—Communion, 7 a.m.

Mattins, 11 a.m., Evensong, 5.45 p.m.

Roman Catholic Cathedral—Mass at 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m.

Union Church—Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

German Bethesda Chapel, West Point—Morning Service, 11 a.m.

St. Francis Church, Wanchai—Mass (Chin.), 6 a.m., (Port.) 7.30 a.m., Benediction, 5 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road—Morning Service (English), 9 a.m.

St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point—Mass, 8 a.m.

Methodist Church—Services, 10.30 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.

St. Peter's Church—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

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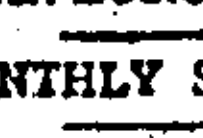
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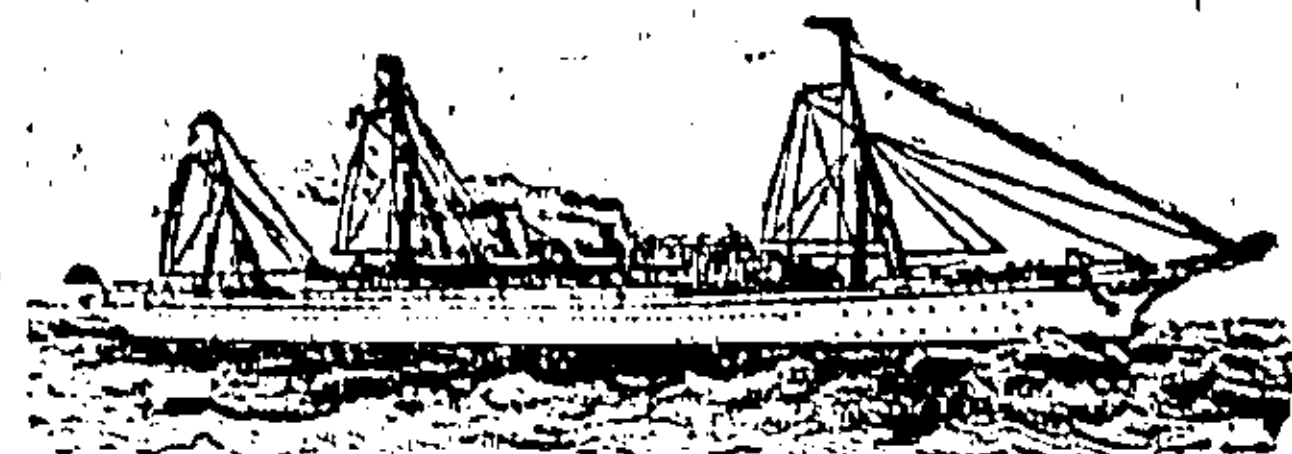
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